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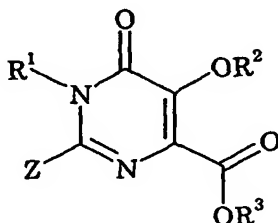
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wherein Z, R¹, R² and R³ are as defined herein; and pharmaceutically
acceptable salts thereof; are inhibitors of viral polymerases, especially
the hepatitis C virus (HCV) polymerase enzyme.

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